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TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

AUSTIN – The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC) has opened its window for application submission for the 5th Annual Dr. Anna Steinberger Outstanding Texas Educator Award. The winner of this award will receive a check for \$1,000, generously funded by Dr. Anna Steinberger who escaped the Holocaust, served as a commissioner on the THGC, and makes her home in Houston.

The Dr. Anna Steinberger Outstanding Texas Educator Award is annually bestowed on one full-time classroom teacher, curriculum specialist, or librarian. The applicant must hold at least a bachelor's degree, have three years of experience working with students, and have a record of teaching or actively supporting the teaching of the Holocaust and/or genocides in the Ottoman Empire, Cambodia, Rwanda, the Balkans, Sudan, and the Middle East (Syria/Iraq) to Texas students in grades 6 – 12.

Past recipients of the Dr. Steinberger Outstanding Educator Award have included educators integrating Holocaust and/or genocide instruction in English Language Arts, Fine Arts, English as a Second Language, and Social Studies courses. These winners have taught in various parts of Texas, including Robinson, El Paso, Laredo, and Beaumont.

The THGC requests that if you know a Texas teacher who is committed to educating students about the Holocaust and/or genocides, please refer them to our website (https://thgc.texas.gov/), which contains application instructions.

All application materials must be received electronically by 4:00 PM CST on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Visit https://thgc.texas.gov/grants-contests/steinberger for more information and the online application.

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If you would like more information about the Dr. Anna Steinberger Outstanding Texas Educator Award, please contact Dr. J. E. Wolfson at <u>j.e.wolfson@thgc.texas.gov</u> or Christian Acevedo at <u>christian.acevedo@thgc.texas.gov</u>. Visit <u>https://thgc.texas.gov/</u> to learn more about the THGC and its mission.